

**REMARKS**

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Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding claim 4] claim 1 wherein which region around 405 bases 3' of the transcription start of the Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor gene is examined to detect the presence of a genetic polymorphism from Guanine to Cytosine.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein which region around 460 bases 5' of the transcription start of the Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor gene is examined to detect the presence of a genetic polymorphism from Cytosine to Thymine.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the presence of a genetic polymorphism is determined by amplification of at least a fragment of the DNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

11. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] claim 1 further comprising the step of analysing the amplification product by restriction digestion and size analysis.

12. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] claim 1 wherein the disease or disorder is ischaemic heart disease.

13. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 - 11] claim 1

wherein the disease or disorder is Nephrotic Syndrome.

14. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 - 11] claim 1

wherein the disease or disorder is an inflammatory joint disorder.

16. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 - 11] claim 1

wherein the disease or disorder is cancer.

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 - 11] claim 1

wherein the disease or disorder is diabetes, or complications thereof, or proteinuria.

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